



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
DAY OF PRAYER

May 6, 2004

WHEREAS, since our nation's founding, Americans have turned to prayer for hope, strength, comfort and protection in times of grief, anger and uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, National Days of Prayer are a venerable American tradition, the first such day having been proclaimed by the Continental Congress on July 20, 1775, to encourage Americans to affirm the nation's spiritual roots and to enlist prayer for local, state and national leaders; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we observe a day to acknowledge our many blessings, express gratitude, and recognize the need to strengthen religious and moral values in our state and throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, a day of prayer is also an opportunity to renew and inspire the joy we find in our faith, friends, family and communities, to remember those who are suffering and facing hardships, and to pray for peace throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, on this special day, we must remember our brave men and women who are fighting to defend our country and preserve our freedoms, thank them and their families for their sacrifices, and pray for their safe return; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has set aside the first Thursday in May as a National Day of Prayer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 6, 2004, as a **DAY OF PRAYER** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State